

## City Manager's Report

#### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

April 30, 2021

#### **CommUNITY Pop-Up Picnic Success!**

In an effort to celebrate our diverse community and respond to recent negative events in Huntington Beach, the City's Community & Library Services Department coordinated a "CommUNITY" Pop-Up Picnic in Central Park on Sunday, April 18.

Following social distance measures, hundreds of people participated in the event which featured inspired cultural performances, musical acts, poetry reading, and spoken word dialogue. It was an event that articulated and highlighted our OneHB team and community, as well as celebrate our diverse, equitable and inclusive Huntington Beach community.









#### Town Hall Series Be Well OC — Wednesday, May 5 at 6pm



A Virtual Town Hall Series Hosted by:

BE WELL ORANGE COUNTY
HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

#### WHEN:

Wednesday, May 5 6-7pm

#### **WATCH ONLINE:**

Facebook.com/cityofhb Youtube.com/cityofhb Join us in our second meeting as we discuss an innovative approach to mental health emergencies in Huntington Beach. Our partnership with Be Well OC will offer effective resources, including a mobile crisis response program that will address mental health, addiction and wound care calls for service, 24/7.



#### **ASCON Update:**

#### **Virtual Community Meeting May 6 at 6pm**

Some work at the Ascon site is set to resume in mid-June, primarily, the remediation of Pit F, which is located within the tent structure on Magnolia Avenue. Once the work begins, the remediation effort is expected to take three months to complete, and throughout the work effort, the tented area will have an air treatment system operating continuously until the remediation work is complete. Community outreach efforts are underway to inform nearby stakeholders and a virtual community meeting is scheduled for next week.

Date: May 6, 2021 Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: <a href="https://bit.ly/3d95AwU">https://bit.ly/3d95AwU</a>
Phone Line: (669) 900-6833
Webinar ID: 882 4636 7707

Ascon Huntington Beach
A safer, cleaner future for the community

Ascon initiated the Ascon Alert System during the week of April 19, to provide community members who opt-in to the program with access to details via the emergency alert system. All information related to this effort will also be posted to the DSTC EnvioStor website: <a href="https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/">https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/</a>

## City Council Meetings Move to First and Third Tuesdays in June

Based on direction provided at the January 19, 2021 City Council meeting, the City will move its City Council meetings to the first and third Tuesday of each month starting in June 2021. June City Council meetings will take place on June 1 and June 15 at 6 p.m.

## Temporary Skate Park Construction Underway at Edison Park

Construction on the temporary skate park at Edison Park began on Monday, April 26. Construction crews will demolish the existing park bench structures, where the temporary skate park will be installed. Based on the current construction timeframe, the City anticipates being able to complete construction of the temporary skateboarding facility in time for this coming summer.

City staff have been working to coordinate the installation of a temporary skate park at Edison Park, similar to Cherry Skate Park in Long Beach (see photo below). The City reviewed this project with the Community Services Commission in March, and since then, staff has been developing the design and construction process to install the proposed interim facility at Edison Park.



Cherry Skate Park in Long Beach

#### **Coming Soon! Better Beach Access for Our Visitors**



Mobi-Mat is a portable and removable ADA rollout access pathway that can be used by pedestrians, wheelchair users, walkers, and strollers to get across beach sand to access the water. The City will install the mat next Wednesday, May 5 near the 6th Street lot. In addition, the City plans to assess the public's use of the new infrastructure through the course of this summer to determine the need for installing additional segments.

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update Process Underway**

Last week, the City started outreach efforts associated with the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element update via a virtual community meeting that was hosted on April 22. This was the first of what will be extensive community outreach.

The City's next outreach effort will be the distribution of a community survey related to our housing element update. In addition, the City built a webpage which will contain details related to the current housing element update efforts. That website address is: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/housing-element-update/

#### **Police Department**

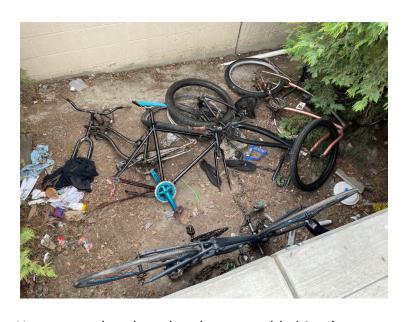
#### **Drug Take Back Event Recap**



This past Saturday, April 24, the Huntington Beach Police Department held a DEA's National Drug Takeback event. During the event, more than 150 pounds of unwanted or unused prescription medication was collected and was safely disposed. If you missed our event, please feel free to visit the County of Orange Waste and Recycling website to find a location where you can safely dispose of unwanted or unused medication:

https://www.oclandfills.com/hazardouswaste/medication-and-sharps-disposal

#### **Chop Shop Crackdown**



Team members went to over 60 locations on public and private property. In total, two chop shop arrests were made, two people were arrested for illegal lodging (one at the beach and one at a business in Sunset Beach), two were issued citations for beach/park curfew, approximately seven people were warned about our park/beach curfew laws, and over 30 people were offered services but declined shelter. In addition, over 100 pounds of trash was recovered and was properly disposed.

Numerous abandoned and untraceable bicycle parts were also recovered during this operation. As a friendly reminder, please do not forget to register your bicycle(s) on <a href="www.project529.com/garage/huntingtonbeach">www.project529.com/garage/huntingtonbeach</a>. If you have any information on possible bicycle chop shops or if you would like to learn more about the resources available for homeless individuals please visit: <a href="https://www.hbhomelesssolutions.com/">https://www.hbhomelesssolutions.com/</a>

#### **Police Department**

#### The Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation School Supply Fundraiser

The Huntington Beach Police Department, in conjunction with The Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation, donated 200 backpacks and 11 baskets full of school supplies to 11 Huntington Beach schools within the Ocean View School District, Huntington Beach City Elementary School District and Fountain Valley District. We understand that it has been a challenging year for many school-aged children and teachers as they transition from online classes to hybrid classes. It is our hope that the school supplies and backpacks will create a better learning environment for the children who may not have enough school supplies. Thank you to our teachers and school administrators who have been a great support to all the children in our schools!





#### **Police Department**



The Huntington Beach Police Department receives numerous complaints regarding loud vehicles with modified exhaust systems and racing/speeding vehicles traveling throughout the city. Many of these vehicles engage in non-permitted gatherings which pose safety risks to other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Furthermore, these vehicles negatively impact the quality of life of our residents and visitors. As result, the Huntington Beach Police Department has increased enforcement efforts of California Vehicle Code sections related to vehicles with loud/modified exhaust systems and street racing.

On Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, Huntington Beach Police Department Traffic and Patrol officers conducted a Directed Enforcement operation focused on enforcing loud/modified exhaust and racing/speeding vehicles. This operation resulted in the following statistics:

- Total vehicles stopped for traffic violations: 101
- Total traffic citations issued: 76
- Citations issued for loud/modified exhaust systems: 24
- Citations issued to vehicles traveling more than 100 mph on Pacific Coast Highway: 2
- Citations issued for suspended/unlicensed drivers: 9
- Vehicles impounded: 7

The Huntington Beach Police Department will continue to enforce these violations and work with neighboring police agencies throughout the summer months to enhance the safety and quality of life of the residents and visitors.

#### **Fire Department**

# Grilling Fire SAFETY

#### Stay fire safe in HB! Follow these grilling safety tips.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 10 feet\* from siding, deck rails and eaves.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Important: For residents of multi-family residential buildings, follow your apartment complex or HOA rules. In many cases, BBQ on balconies are restricted or prohibited due to fire risk and insurance requirements.

#### Stay fire safe this summer!

#### **Huntington Beach Fire Department**

2000 Main Street | Huntington Beach, CA 92648 | 714-536-5541

fire.department@surfcity-hb.org

https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/



## Announcing a Call for Artists: Surfing the Pacific Rim International Surf Art Exhibition: Surf City, USA

Presented by the Huntington Beach Art Center
Juried by Southern California Surf Art Legends Rick Rietveld & Phil Roberts

Artists worldwide are invited to submit contemporary surf art and design concepts for online exhibition. Regional artists may submit artworks for the virtual exhibition and public display in the Art Center's 3000 sq. foot galleries.

Maximum two entries per artist Jury fee: \$20 per artist

Online Submissions open Saturday, May 1 and close Friday, June 11 at: <a href="https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org">www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org</a>.

Submissions must be original artworks or fine art prints completed in the past two years (2019-2021). Visual arts such as painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, video, filmmaking, digital art and design are encouraged.

Visit <a href="https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/call-for-artists-surfing-the-pacific-rim.html">https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/call-for-artists-surfing-the-pacific-rim.html</a> for more information, and to download the full prospectus.



## The Senior Center and Assistance League of Huntington Beach Partnering Again to Provide



During the past year, through the DreamCatcher Auxiliary's, *Serve our Seniors* philanthropy, over \$30,000 worth of gift cards, transportation passes and seasonal gift bags, including essential and fun items, were provided to the Social Services team at the Senior Center in Central Park. The program aims to enhance quality of life for and promote successful aging in place of underserved, at-risk older adults. Care Managers and volunteer helpers deliver these items throughout the year.

You may already know the Assistance League is an all-volunteer, nation-wide entity with an exceptional local chapter here in HB. In fact, the local chapter has a Platinum rating with Guidestar. In 2019/2020 these wonderfully hard working volunteers clocked over 45,000 hours of service and provided over \$1 million in support back into the community through various philanthropic endeavors. For more information, check out their website and local thrift store here in HB at <a href="https://www.assistanceleague.org/huntington-beach/">www.assistanceleague.org/huntington-beach/</a>



#### **Youth Services Department – Children's Events**





The Children's Library Virtual Storytimes have resumed online! Starting on Tuesday, May 4, join Ms. Kari anytime for her Tuesday storytime, geared towards preschoolers aged 3-5. Check out the HBPL's Storytime YouTube Channel, where any storytime can be accessed from the comfort and convenience of home. Ms. Kari will share songs, rhymes, stories and more fun activities to keep the little ones both busy and actively using their minds. Her videos are posted at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and are available to watch anytime after that to accommodate busy schedules.

In addition, Mr. Brian will be presenting some new "Rock and Roll Reading" storytimes beginning on Thursday, May 6! He'll share silly stories, funny dances, and lively songs the whole family is sure to enjoy. Get ready, 'cause he is ready to rock! His videos are posted at 10 a.m. on Thursdays and are available anytime after that for viewing. To view these new library storytimes, as well as previous ones on the Storytime YouTube Channel, please visit <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgxtebbOxTa9w1AttaahbiQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgxtebbOxTa9w1AttaahbiQ</a>

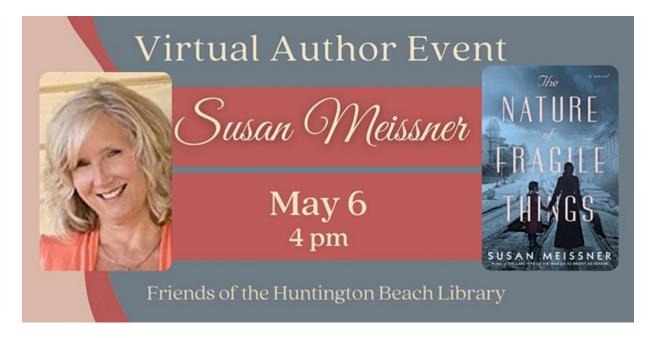
#### **Adult Services Department Programs**



The Huntington Beach Library is proud to present the next "Book Buzz with Penguin Random House" publishers, coming up on Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. Interested bibliophiles can join this online event with the library's PRH representative Liz Camfiord, who will talk about the hottest new books of the season.

This Summer Book Buzz is a great way for readers to find their next great read! Register to receive the URL link a few hours before the event, which will be sent to the e-mail provided during registration. Attendees will also have a chance to win some book lover's raffle prizes upon registration. Click here to register: <a href="https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7599885">https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7599885</a>.

#### **Friends of the Library Programs**

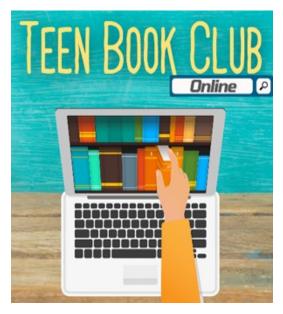


Join the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4 p.m. for a live Zoom talk with historical fiction novelist Susan Meissner. Susan will be discussing her latest work, The Nature of Fragile Things. Set during the San Francisco earthquake in 1906, this book follows the lives of three women each affected by the devastating tragedy. Click here to register for this free event at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-author-event-with-susan-meissner-tickets-149084195843">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-author-event-with-susan-meissner-tickets-149084195843</a>.



Friends Gift Shop, located at the Central Library, is now open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Since the Rental Book program has been discontinued, the inventory of books left over from the program are being sold in the Gift Shop at bargain prices! Visa and MasterCard credit/debit cards are accepted for minimum purchases of \$10. And, as always, FOTL and FOTCL members receive a 10% discount on regularly priced merchandise with proof of membership. All proceeds are donated to the Library.

#### **Youth Services Department – Teen Events**



Coming up on Saturday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m., kids ages 13-18 are invited to join the Library's Teen Librarian Christany for a different and very cool kind of Teen Book Club. What makes it so unique is that participants are not required to read any specific books. Instead, Christany will introduce new titles in all the genres by both sharing book trailers and giving recommendations for books to add to the TBR pile!

Everyone in attendance will also have the chance to either share one of their favorites or the most recent book they have read online with the group! This is a great way to introduce others to a favorite book, while also discovering the new ones shaared by Christany. The URL for this online event will be shared via e-mail to the address provided during registration here https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7716398.

#### **Central Library Makerspace Events**



Although the HBPL Makerspace is physically closed to the public, there will be two "Get Ready" Zoom meetings during the month of May to introduce library patrons to the various new technologies and equipment, so they can be ready to use them on their own after the library opens! First, on Tuesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m., patrons will learn how to use the 3D Printing, Laser Engraving and CNC Routing machines. Register here <a href="https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events/get\_ready-3d laser\_cnc.">https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events/get\_ready-3d laser\_cnc.</a>

Then, on **Thursday, May 6**, **at 5:30 pm**, coaches will show how to use the Cricut, Sewing and Embroidery machines. Register: <a href="https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events/get\_ready-cricut\_sewing">https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events/get\_ready-cricut\_sewing</a>. Each session will show users how to make their own creations or find ready-made designs. The Makerspace will be opening in June, starting with limited hours and on an appointment-only basis while moving towards complete open times. For more inspiration, please visit: <a href="https://hbpl.libguides.com/makerspace/home">https://hbpl.libguides.com/makerspace/home</a>.



## MONDAY THURSDAY

6:40-7:30pm

7:40-8:30pm

(BEGINNING JUNE 21)

\$15 flat rate (up to 5 people)
Sign up online at hbsands.org
Activity Code: 300000
Coast-Guard Approved lifejackets allowed.



Please call City Gym and Pool at 714.960.8884 for more information





#### Safe, Easy, and Free Disposal of Household Toxics

Household products that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care. These products may not be put in the regular trash and never dumped down the drain. In Huntington Beach, proper disposal is free, easy, and super convenient at the Orange County Household

Hazardous Waste (HHW) drive through center.

Accepted items include:

- Household Products -- paint, cleaners, automotive fluids, pesticides, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Electronics -- computers, printers, televisions, cell phones, digital cameras, DVD players, microwave ovens (remove/destroy personal information from devices first)
- Sharps Home-generated hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices used in the home to penetrate the skin for medical treatment.
- Residents only. Businesses, schools, churches, and non-profit organizations are not eligible.

The HHW Collection Center is located at 17121 Nichols Lane, Huntington Beach 92647. Use Gate 6 at the Republic Services facility. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed on major holidays and when raining.

After you drop off, be sure to visit the Material Exchange Program where you can choose up to five free items per week from a selection of gently used paint, household, yard and automotive products. For more information visit http://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous

## PROJECT UPDATE





#### **Current Stats**

OC Public Works is on the job and making progress in the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel. We're working to improve flood control protection for your community.



Construction is now 23% complete and the Project is on schedule to finish by Summer 2022.



Sheet piles are driven into the ground to fortify the levee and increase flood capacity.

So far, we've installed 9,700 linear feet of sheet piles, weighing 7,024 tons!

#### **Upcoming Activities**

#### Soil Mixing Ground Improvements

What's that stack? New equipment has been mobilized to the site for the soilcement mixing ground improvement work to fortify the levee between the sheet piles. New equipment visible between Springdale and Edwards St. include cement mixing silos and drill rigs. This work begins in early May.

#### Sheet Pile Driving

Sheet pile driving using the blue, silent pile driver will continue in Segments 3, 4, 5 and 6.





#### Roadway Work

Future temporary closures are anticipated at Springdale and Edwards St. during Summer 2021. Additional notification and detour details will be provided to residents prior to beginning this work.

CONTACT INFORMATION







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#### **Capital Improvement Updates**

#### In Construction



### Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement

The water line has been installed and has successfully passed testing for the final connection at 12th and 13th street, between Pecan and Acacia Avenue. The alley rehabilitation moved forward with the installation of the concrete drainage gutter and driveways. This project is scheduled to be completed in early May.



#### **Saybrook Sewer Lift Station**

A dewatering well has been installed, which will allow for groundwater to be removed during the construction of the new lift station manhole. Development of the well is continuing this week, after which dewatering activities will proceed. This project is scheduled to be completed Fall 2021.



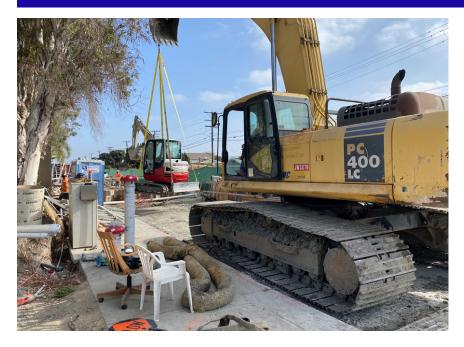
#### **Zone-3 ADA Curb Ramps**

A total of 185 new ADA-compliant curb ramps have been installed to date. This project is on track to install a total of 238 new ramps in the Zone-3 maintenance area. Project completion is expected in May 2021.



#### Arterial Rehabilitation Project – Newland, Brookhurst, Garfield, Atlanta

sidewalk With rehabilitation complete, the contractor pulverized and prepared the base course of the two outside lanes on the Newland segment. A base pavement layer was placed the week of 4/19. Concrete sidewalk restoration work is continuing on Brookhurst, Atlanta, and Garfield Ave. This project will be under construction through the Summer 2021.



#### **Slater Sewer Lift Station**

The contractor has poured the concrete bottom and will soon begin to build the wet well structure. The contractor will also be installing the new sewer line and manhole on Springdale St., which is adjacent to the new lift station, as part of the project.



#### **Fiber Optic Installations**

The fiber optic installation work has started. The contractor is boring conduit on Golden West Street, Gothard Street and Garfield Avenue in preparation for the fiber optic cable. The conduit installation will continue for several weeks. The project is anticipated to be completed this summer.

#### **Earth Day Clean Up at Bartlett Park**

On Saturday, April 17, the City of Huntington Beach partnered with Orange County Coastkeeper to host a clean-up event at Bartlett Park. This is an annual event organized by the City in collaboration with local environmental non-governmental organizations and the County of Orange in celebration of Earth Day. The volunteers worked hard to help restore Bartlett Park to its natural state by removing trash/debris and some of the overgrowth that restricts access on the various walking paths.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on group sizes, this year's event was scaled down, however 23 volunteers collected approximately 600 pounds of trash and debris. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions the City hopes to host a larger clean-up event at Bartlett Park on Saturday, September 18 as part of the annual statewide Coastal/Inner-Coastal Clean-up Day.

Come join us and your neighbors as we work together to keep Bartlett Park wild and beautiful for all to enjoy!









#### Just in Time for Summer: New Beach Showers and Drinking Fountains Installed

During the past few weeks, our Public Works team has been working to coordinate our beach shower and drinking fountain replacement project. The capital project is now complete, and the beach now has 14 new showers and 10 new drinking fountains available for the public's use. In addition, the team installed drinking fountains with dog water bowls!

## **Huntington Beach Student Winners of the 2021 Water Awareness Poster Contest**

The Municipal Water District of Orange County is pleased to announce the 2021 Water Awareness Poster Contest winners within the City of Huntington Beach service area. This year, the City of Huntington Beach received a total of 28 submissions with three winners. The 2021 winners for the City of Huntington Beach are:

- Madian Fernandez, 5th Grade, Virtual Academy (Ocean View School District)
- Rebecca Harter-Foist, 11th Grade, Ocean View High School (HB Union High School District
- Jared Quisberth, 8th Grade, Helen Stacey Middle School (Westminster School District)



Jared Quisberth

A complete list of winners and winning artwork images can be viewed on our website at: <a href="https://www.mwdoc.com/news-and-events/events/water-awareness-poster-contest/">https://www.mwdoc.com/news-and-events/events/water-awareness-poster-contest/</a>. This year, each winner will receive a bucket full of water-saving goodies, a deluxe art box, and their artwork presented back to them framed and ready to display proudly! Additionally, winning student artwork is presented to MWDOC member agencies, Directors, and staff who will vote for four GRAND PRIZE WINNERS — each of who will receive an iPad Mini 4.







Rebecca Harter-Foist

#### The Mayor's Corner - By Kim Carr



In the past two weeks, Mayor Carr participated in the CommUNITY Pop-Up Picnic, along with a host of local and regional community leaders and former Huntington Beach mayors (pictured above).

In addition, Mayor Carr lead two community Town Halls. The first on April 21 featured Supervisor Katrina Foley and Fire Chief Scott Haberle as they discussed the status of COVID-19 vaccines. The second Town Hall was April 28 with Be Well Orange County to discuss an innovative approach to mental health emergencies in the City.



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#### **City Hall Directory**

Helpline	(714) 536-5511
City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Community Development	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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